

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR — FROM PAGE 2

### Invest in Waihi

I have been investing in property for many years now and my advice to first home or investment buyers, is this is a great time to buy.

You make your money on property when you buy and with interest rates so low and property prices at the bottom of a cycle this is a great time to buy.

But where? There must be a potential for growth and it must be in a desirable location both for work and leisure activities.

Waihi ticks all the boxes for me and especially Waihi east.

Not only are prices low at the moment, not helped by the panic brigade, but where else in the world right now, can you get a top up between the sellers price and your offer. All thanks to the mining company.

I know the lake is now further down the track, but it is going to happen and this will be a desirable area to live. Just watch, time will prove me right.

DJ WALLIS,  
Katikati



### The Emperor's new mine

Once upon a time in the town of Waihi, the Emperor got a new mine from the clever Spin Doctors at Newmont Waihi Gold.

It was a wondrous mine offering wealth and benefits galore for all the lovely people of the town.

"But how will the kind folk of Waihi East be affected by your lovely mine," the Emperor said.

"They will not be affected at all" the Spin Doctors said, "in fact they will not notice the mine even exists, it will be like magic.

But you know how good we are Mr Emperor we are doing this out of the goodness of our hearts.

There are no rules that say we have to help but we are."

"Oh you are splendid people" the Emperor said to the Newmont spin doctors.

"But it doesn't seem right and you aren't really helping the people in Waihi East at all. It looks like you are causing them a lot of hardship."

"Oh don't be silly" said the spin doctors, "Only the most intelligent and wise people can see the good we are doing."

"Oh" said the Emperor, "yes you are doing a wonderful job."

"Oh yes" said the councillors, "you are truly doing a magnificent job", and so did the people of Waihi who all did work for the lovely mine. "You are wonderful people Newmont Gold", they said.

So the Emperor paraded his splendid mine to all the people of Waihi.

But when he got to Waihi East a little boy said:

"Mr Emperor your mine has caused the value of my Granny's house to drop 50 percent, no people want to buy a home with a mine under it, she can't sell it and move into a rest home. Newmont have done a bad job Mr Emperor."

And the good people of Waihi woke from their sleep and yelled as one.

"Your lovely mine is damaging the financial wellbeing of the people of Waihi East. Their property rights are being violated."

So Newmont Gold bought all of the houses in Waihi East and rented them back to the owners and everyone lived happily ever after.

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Waihi

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— Fritha Tagg, Editor *Waihi Leader*